



Have Your Voice Heard: The New Jersey Academic Standards Review

New Jersey's academic standards set higher expectations for New Jersey schools and students, and our students continue to perform strongly compared to other students across the country. Governor Christie and the NJ Department of Education are inviting the public to offer input on improving our standards and to help shape what comes next for our students.

Every parent wants the very best for their children, and that includes a first-rate education. That's why our schools need you to participate in the review process. As parents, you understand what is most important in your child's development, which makes your input during this review process absolutely essential.

Recognizing the time constraints of busy parents, We Raise NJ developed the following step-by-step directions on how to access the survey and provide feedback.

Getting Started

To access the New Jersey Standards Review Survey, go to <http://njstandardsreview.statestandards.org>.

1. **Sign In.** The website will ask for a limited amount of required identifying information: County of Residence, State of Occupation and Occupation/Role (No information will be shared.)
2. **Choose a strand and a grade level to review.** For instance, as a starting point, if you are a parent or grandparent of a fifth grader, you might want to view "Language Arts Literacy" and then select the "Grade 5" standards for review.
3. **Review the Standards.** Each standard contains various strands within it. For instance, fifth grade ELA contains strands for reading, writing, speaking, and listening and language. Clicking on each of these strands reveal more strands and the standards themselves.
2. **Provide Feedback.** Read each standard carefully. In your evaluation of each standard, you will then have the following options to select:
 1. I agree with the Standard as written.
 2. The Standard should be discarded. (*Comments required*)
 3. The Standard should be in a different grade level. (*Grade selection is required*)
 4. The Standard should be broken up into several, more specific Standards. (*Suggested rewrite is required*)
 5. The Standard should be rewritten. (*Suggested rewrite is required*)

*No comments are required if you "Agree". However, positive feedback about why particular skills are important for functioning in the workforce is always helpful.

Please note, once you have initially signed in, you may pause at any time and return to continue at your convenience. However, once comments have been submitted, they cannot be changed.